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SUBJECT: CULTURAL EXCHANGES

REF: DAMASCUS 1834

1. PARA 4A OF STATE 192413 WAS DESIGNED TO FLAG PROGRAM ITEMS ON WHICH WE CAN MOVE PROMPTLY. IT WAS NOT MEANT TO SUGGEST SIZE OF USG EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH SYRIA. EVENTUAL SCOPE WILL DEPEND ON WHAT YOU SPECIFICALLY RECOMMEND, AND ON BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS.

2. AS INDICATED DURING YOUR WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, CU LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR PRIORITIES AND WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO THEM. SYRIA ELIGIBLE FOR ALL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS LISTED IN PARA 3 DAMASCUS 1834, PLUS SOME OTHERS SUCH AS 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES. IN PREPARING COUNTRY PLAN, YOU AND PAO MAY WISH CONSIDER RELATIVE COST OF DIFFERING ELEMENTS (E.G. A SYRIAN GRADUATE STUDENT IN USA COSTS AS MUCH AS THREE INTERNATIONAL VISITORS).

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH KHADDAM, YOU MAY MENTION ANY OR ALL THESE PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, YOU MAY FIND IT PREFERABLE TO AVOID DISCUSSING SPECIFIC NUMBERS UNTIL COUNTRY PROGRAM IS DRAFTED AND BUDGET APPROVED.

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4. HENRY OLLENDORF, DIRECTOR, COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH LEADERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS (CLEVELAND
PROGRAM) WILL BE IN DAMASCUS END SEPTEMBER TO INTERVIEW
PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS.
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